The Appomattox County Bicentennial Commission will be publishing each week a Bicentennial Calendar of Events for Appomattox County in the **Times-Virginian.** Organizations that Appomattox County in the Times-Virginian. Organizations that are planning to conduct programs or activities with a Bicentennial Theme are requested to contact Franklin Vaughan, chairman of the Appomattox Bicentennial Commission, at 352-7191 or R. B. Carter, at 352-8711. The purposes of the Bicentennial Calendar of Events will be to inform citizens of scheduled activities, and to prevent conflicts in schedules.

Appreciation is expressed to the owner of the **Times-Virginian** for space to publish the calendar of events.

Appomattox County

BICENTENNIAL CALENDAR OF EVENTS - 1976

April 3 - Miss Appomattox Pageant (Sponsored by Appomattox Woman's Club) - ACHS Auditorium - 8:00 p.m.

April 16 - Day of Witness (Sponsored by Appomattox Ministerial Assoc.)

June 14 - Spout Spring Ruritan Club - Regular Meeting (members only)

July 4 - Day of Worship (Sponsored by Appomattox Ministerial Assoc.) ; Religious Musical (Sponsored by Appomattox Ministerial Assoc.) - ACHS Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.

July 18 - "We Have Come Back For a Little Look Around", A play that will be given at 1 p.m., 3 p.m., 5 p.m. on the grounds of Appomattox Historical Park (Sponsored by National Park Service)

July 27, 1976 at 7 p.m. the film "One Nation, Under God" will be shown at Hebron Baptist Church.

Oct. 16 & 17 - Historic Appomattox Railroad Festival (Sponsored by Junior Woman's Club in cooperation with local organizations) - Town of Appomattox.

Pamplin

The Pamplin Chapter No. 48 of Order of Eastern Star held its installation service Tuesday night at the lodge hall. New officers installed were Mrs. Ruby Inge, worthy matron, Mr. James Rosser, worthy patron; Mrs. Louise Rosser, associate matron; Mr. Horace Coleman, associate patron; Mrs. Virginia Vaughan, secretary; Mrs. Ura Vaughan, treasurer; Mrs. Ruth Patterson, conductress; Mrs. Jean Carson, associate conductress; Mr. Russell Carson, chaplian; Mrs. Ada Lacado, marshall; Mrs. Katherine Cuningham, organist; Mr. Edward Ranson, warder; Mrs. Aileen Harvey, sentinel; Mrs. Lucy Garrett, Ada; Mrs. Edith Tolley, Ruth; Mrs. Florence Ranson, Esther; Mrs. Helen Inge, Martha; Mrs. Grace Williams, Electra; Installing officers were Mrs. Ellen O'Brien, installing officer; Mrs. Wendy Richardson, chaplain; Mrs. Etta Inge, organist; Mrs. Ollie Lyons, marshall, Mrs. Aidlaide Edwards, warder; Mr. James Williams, sentinel.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Turner and family, of Collinsville, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry St. John last week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Dudley and son, Will, enroute form Ohio, visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Dudley last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Southern of Norfolk, visited relatives last week end; also visited her sister, Flora Bell Williams in Virginia Baptist Hospital. Miss Williams underwent surgery last week and is in the intensive care unit.

Mr. and Mrs. David Savitz of Roanoke and Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Inge of Charlottesville, visited their parents last week end.

The Virginia Baptist Hospital BSU will have charge of the 11 o'clock services at Elon Baptist Church next Sunday, March 28.

County-Wide Bicentennial Contest Being Planned

The Appomattox County Ministerial Association, in cooperation with the Appomattox County Bicentennial Commission, are making plans toward presenting a community concert of drama and music on Sunday evening, July 4, 1976 at the Appomattox County High School.

The Drama and Music is The Fabric of Freedom.

Anyone interested in participating in this concert is invited to be present on Sunday afternoon, March 28 at 3 p.m. at Liberty Baptist Church.

This meeting is very important in order to determine the interest and to get organized.

For further information call J. Franklin Vaughan, Chairman of Appomattox County Bicentennial Commission, phone 352-7191.

Welfare Director Resigning

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longer a welfare department plan, but a community plan with welfare as the administering agent.

Mrs. Mann said the public's reaction toward the Appomattox County Welfare Department has always been for the most part an acceptable attitude. This may be due to a clearer understanding that these are mandated programs with more strict regulations governing abuse and fraud. Quality Control has been quite an asset in helping to control the error rate.

"I cannot give enough praise to the local boards I have worked with through the years and also the Board of Supervisors. They have been most helpful and cooperative and a pleasure to work with. I have also been most fortunate in securing excellent staff. All of the people I mention have made the job as director much more pleasant. The work has been a real challenge through the years. When you have been involved with helping people over a long period of time it becomes more than just a job - it becomes a way of life. This brings about mixed emotions when I think of leaving my post", Mrs. Mann states.

BLOOD DONORS RECEIVE PINS

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Jr., Tommy Terry, and Helen Faye Pierce.

First-time donors were Janice Gagneur, Oscar W. Staples, Patricia Conner, Allen Austin, Carolyn Fields, Debra Mae Barksdale, Delores Ayers, William Freddie Grishaw, Any Garrett, Gayle Williams and Walter Williams, Jr.

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Mrs. Humphries 5th Grade 4-H Club

Mrs. Humphries 5th Grade classroom met Friday, Feb. 5.

Mr. Sweet, the Extension leader, talked to the class about demonstrations coming up. Mr. Sweet also told the class when the pigeons are expected to come.

Mr. Sweet passed out sheets for Wildlife Feed Patch also.

Secretary Nancy Morris read the minutes of the last meeting and vice president, Kim Maxwell ended the meeting by thanking Mr. Sweet and Mr. Goldman.

Ruby Smith, Reporter

Graduates From Recuit Training

MARCH 17 - Marine Private Henry A. White III, son of Mr. Henry A. White, Jr. of Appomattox, Va., was graduated from recruit training at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S.C.

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by Verna Conner

Readers of Little Women, Little Men, Jo's Boys, Eight Cousins and other books by Louisa May Alcott may be surprised to learn that at one time she wrote poems under the name of Flora Fairfield. Then later on she used the pseudonym, A. M. Barnard and wrote tales of horror and adventure. During the Civil War she joined as a nurse but contracted typhoid fever and nearly died. She was an invalid for the rest of her life but that did not prevent her from writing--in fact her best work was done at that time when she started the stories about her own family life. Miss Alcott was ashamed of her "blood and thunder" stories and did not wish it to be known that she wrote them but in 1943 it was discovered and thirty years later a group of four tales were brought out in book form as "Behind the Mask; The Unknown Thrillers of Louisa May Alcott.

In the December 1976 issue of Redbook Magazine you will find the story entitled, Behind a Mask or A Woman's Power by A. M. Barnard. According to Madelon Bedell who is writing a biography of the Alcott family, this is one of Louisa Alcott's best efforts. Instead of the usual meek and mild governess, the heroine of this story is really the villain. When Miss Alcott died at the age of fifty-five she had written about 200 works- poems, plays, essays, novels, children's stories and others.

On the second floor of the library you will find not only children's books, as many of you may think, but the books by Alcott, Harold Bell Wright, Kathleen Norris, John Fox, Zane Grey, Nathaniel Hawthorne, Emilie Loring, Grace Livingston Hill and many other authors of a by-gone day.

An interesting project for a whole family to participate in, was suggested recently in a magazine or a newspaper article. It said one child went to the library and got a book on one of the States and read it aloud or had portions of it read nightly until the family were fairly well acquainted with that state. Then they got another and another until the whole fifty States had been read and discussed. These colorful and interesting books are yours for the asking at your County Library.

May I suggest one thing every patron of the library can do to help the librarian? Sign your name as Mrs. John Doe instead of Mary Doe. This may seem like a small thing but with all the new-comers in Appomattox we don't always know you by your first name. If it is in the telephone book we can find it and notify you if your books are overdue. Also sign your husband's name in the registration book or if single, sign the name by which you are known. Thank you.

"The true University of these days is a collection of books" -- Carlyle.

WAYLAND FERGUSON ATTENDS DE CONFERENCE

Wayland Ferguson represented the DECA chapter of Appomattox High School at the 33rd Annual Virginia Distributive Education Clubs of America State Leadership Conference. The SLC was held at the Hotel Roanoke on March 12-14.

While attending the conference Wayland joined approximately 600 delegates in electing State Officers and in planning work programs for the coming year for local chapters. Contest finalists from twenty-four Virginia DECA districts competed for state awards and the chance to represent Virginia at the National Career Development Conference in Chicago.

The conference was highlighted Saturday night starting with a buffet dinner. From 8-10 p.m. an awards ceremony to recognize contest winners was hosted by Kevin Reynolds, who has been the featured vocalist at the Miss America Pageant. After the ceremony an Awards Ball was given and everyone enjoyed dancing and the music by Reynolds and Co.

Mr. Jack Hutcheson, Distributive Education coordinator at ACHS, accompanied Wayland to Roanoke. Mr. Hutcheson served as a chaperone for the State Leadership Conference.

Wayland is a senior at Appomattox County High School and employed by Webb's Tire Company. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. William D. Ferguson, Jr. of Oakville.

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Activities Of Interest To Citizens Of The Town of Appomattox

(The following article is another in a series being written by William S. Slagle, town Manager, regarding activities by the local government. The article should prove interesting and informative to the citizens of both the town and the county.)

WATER SYSTEM

As many of you know, the Town over the recent years has been served by wells 1, 5, 6 and later, 8; all of which were pumped into the low level storage tank. All water utilized on the North side of the Railroad tracks was pumped via the booster stations into the high level system.

When Thomasville located here the Town forces had to begin an accelerated waterline construction program to serve Thomasville and to improve the general distribution and Fire protection system. The initial phase of the 10 inch line was completed from the high level storage tank to the Thomasville property line approximately 2 months ahead of schedule. Later the line was extended down Patricia Anne Lane then along Oakleigh, then along Harrell St., then along Church to Main St. During the summer of 1975 the final link was made across the overhead bridge on Ferguson Street to Lee Grant Ave., thereby tying the two systems together at a second point. We laid 8150 feet of 10 inch cast iron and approximately 600 feet of 8 inch line in this project.

Upon startup of Thomasville it became immediately apparent that due to some design changes their water consumption was many times their original estimate. In addition to encouraging water conservation at the plant, the Town began immediately to search for an additional water supply. Realizing that additional wells in the same area might prove to interfere with each other and the fact that long lines would have to be laid in order to tie the well into the system, the Town began to search in the area north of town near secondary route 1009 with the assistance of a State Geologist. After one unsuccessful attempt at locating a good well in town, the Town drilled successfully at a location near 1009. This spot was desireable from the standpoint that it lay adjacent to an existing 8 inch waterline, 3 phase service could be obtained, telephone lines were available, it was in a different fracture zone and the well pump could deliver the water directly into the high level system.

Even though the well test pumped at 175 gpm a 15 hp pump was installed which is capable of delivering approximately 130 gpm into the system. This means that this pump can operate at maximum efficiency and is sufficiently undersized to protect the well even in the event of prolonged pumping periods. In addition it appears that generation equipment can be obtained locally to pull this well in case of power failure and if pumped over a 24 hour period is capable of providing 187,000 gpd which exceeds our average daily water requirement on the north side of the tracks by approximately 27,000gpd. This well is equipped for stand-by power.

We also have rewired well #1 and have Town owned stand-by generation equipment available at this well which is capable of delivering approximately 72,000 gpd into the low level system which exceeds the water demand on that side of the tracks by approximately 12,000 gpd.

The above, coupled with the fact that water can be delivered between the two systems at two different points will provide a degree of reliability into the system that was never available before.

Our major problem remains a lack of adequate storage. A grant application to H.U.D. for $500,000 has been submitted under the Housing and Community Development Block Grant of 1974 for this purpose.

We also must continue to look at our water rate structure as it relates to capital improvements.

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FFA Speakers To Compete At A.E.S.

The 46th Annual Southside Area Future Farmers of America Public Speaking Contest will be held in the Appomattox Elementary School, Thursday afternoon, March 25.

Winners of five federation contests will participate. Each contestant will make an eight-minute talk on an agricultural subject and respond to questions on his topic by the judges. The winner will represent Southside Area in the state finals at Virginia Tech in June.

R. B. Carter, director of vocational education in Appomattox County, is in charge of local arrangements. Judges will be the teachers of the second place contestants in the six federations of the fifteen county area.

The Amherst - Appomattox - Campbell Federation will be represented by Abbigail Cash, Brookville High School.

- DECLARES CASH DIVIDEND

The Fidelity American Bankshares, Inc. Board of Directors' Executive Committee has declared a cash dividend of 24 cents per share on its Common Stock, payable May 1,1976 to stockholders of record as of March 31,1976.

The Board's Executive Committee also declared a cash dividend of $1.50 per share on its $6.00 Cumulative Convertibel Voting Preferred Stock, Series A, payable May 1,1976 to stockholders of record as of March 31,1976.

1975 STATE POLICE SPEEDING ARRESTS

RICHMOND - State Police arrests for speeding during 1975 number 220,284, to far exceed the 159,642 of 1974 and the 101,598 of 1973, Colonel H. W. Burgess, Superintendent of the Department, reported today.

Colonel Burgess noted that the arrests were for all types of speed violations but that about 96 percent of them were for violations of the 55 mile per hour limit. Speeding arrests of drivers of commercial vehicles numbered 32,094 for the year.

The new mobile radar which, mounted on a police car, can give the speed of an oncoming car, was a large factor in the overall detection of speeders, he said, and added that the stationary types are also in use.

Virginia traffic deaths for 1975 numbered 1,030, or 20 less than those of 1974 to give the State its third consecutive annual reduction. Traffic volumes for 1975 were 1.4 percent above those of 1974.

5 SPECIAL COURSES OFFERED AT CVCC

Five special interest courses are being offered at nights during the Spring Quarter at Central Virginia Community College in the Business Division. Introduction to Labor Relations and Real Estate Appraisal will be offered on Tuesday night. Satisfactory completion of the appraisal course meets half the educational requirements for persons sitting for the State Broker's Exam.

School Recordkeeping and Records Management for educational secretaries and Principles of Bank Operations will be offered on Wednesday nights. Machine Transcription for secretaries will be offered on Tuesday-Thursday nights. All classes start the week of March 29. Registration is March 24 and 25.

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